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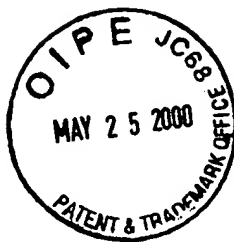
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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed, together with the corresponding GB Search Report. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited. Also enclosed are copies of the references cited on the PTO Form 1449 filed March 6, 2000.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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